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For: CHIMERIC DNA-BINDING/DNA METHYLTRANSFERASE NUCLEIC
ACID AND POLYPEPTIDE AND USES THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed as a submission with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in connection with the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 13, 2005. However, the return receipt postcard was dated January 18, 2005, making an Appeal Brief due on March 18, 2005 and this Preliminary Amendment and RCE are being submitted in lieu thereof. The required fee for filing an RCE under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is THREE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS (\$395.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, this application is presently pending, and this Preliminary Amendment and the accompanying RCE papers are being timely filed.